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Preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

1. After the third preambular paragraph, insert the following preambular paragraphs:

"*Also recognizing* that the family-related provisions of the outcomes of the world conferences of the 1990s continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen family-centred components of policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

"*Noting with concern* the devastating effects of difficult social and economic conditions, armed conflicts, wars, natural disasters, infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria, and of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on family life and stability,

"*Emphasizing* that equality between women and men and respect for the human rights of all family members is essential to family well-being and to society at large,"

2. After operative paragraph 2, insert the following operative paragraph:

"*Encourages* the regional commissions, within their respective mandates and resources, to participate in the preparatory process of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and to play an active role in facilitating regional cooperation in this regard;"

3. After operative paragraph 4, insert the following operative paragraph:

"*Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to facilitate contributions by Governments, to include the United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities,

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on an annual basis, among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;"

4. In operative paragraph 5, after the words" Economic and Social Council", the words "on the preparation for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels" should be replaced by the words "on the implementation of the present resolution, including the description of the state of preparation for the observance of the International Year of the Family at all levels".